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ADDITIONAL VENDOR MEETINGS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL TECHNOLOGY VERIFICATION'S ADVANCED MONITORING SYSTEMS PILOT

The National Exposure Research Laboratory (NERL), Office of Research and Development (ORD), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA), Research Triangle Park (RTP), North Carolina 27711, and Battelle, Columbus, Ohio, are partners in an Environmental Technology Verification (ETV) pilot for Advanced Monitoring Systems (AMS). The goal of ETV is to verify the performance characteristics of commercially ready environmental technologies so potential purchasers and permitters are provided with an independent and credible assessment of the technology they are buying or permitting. The AMS pilot is focused on verifying air, water, and soil monitoring technologies.

The AMS pilot's next vendor meeting will be held at Battelle's facilities in Columbus, Ohio, March 30,1999, for vendors with optical open-path monitors. The purpose of the vendor meetings is to give technology vendors the opportunity to suggest parameters for verification testing of their monitoring devices and to plan the test schedules. Vendors with optical open-path monitors are invited to join this meeting.

For more information about the AMS pilot and vendor opportunities for technology verification or to register for this vendor meeting, contact Helen Latham at Battelle, 505 King Avenue, Columbus, OH 43201, phone 614-424-4062, fax 614-424-5601, or email lathamh@battelle.org.